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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Can we rest in our graves,
While our children are slaves,
Bowed down with taxation,
And bond-holding knaves?

* The delegates to Omaha made the platform and named the men. "The people will do the rest" in November.

* Many Democratic papers in the West are coming over to the People's party, the only truly democratic party in existence.

* "The wicked flee when no man pursueth." Those force bill calamity howlers must be the fellows for whom that was intended.

* Railroad employees evidently sympathize with the Homestead steel workmen, for they refuse to handle freight for the Carnegie Company.

* The Lexington Dispatch says that 57 of the 62 delegates that attended Davidson County Alliance, stated that they were for Weaver and Field.

* The Clinton Caucasian, President Butler's paper, removes any doubt about who it will support for President. Weaver and Field will be its ticket.

* "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men," but that doesn't refer to the nonsense that some people are circulating about the force bill.

* The Governor of North Carolina to the Governor of South Carolina: "I'll be hanged if it don't look like the People's party is going to carry the whole country."

* Mr. Y. C. Morton, Chairman of the People's party Executive Committee in the Sixth district, wants the name of a suitable man for chairman in Robeson county.

* We republish the address from the delegates to the St. Louis conference in February to the people of North Carolina. It will make interesting reading about now.

* The People's party in Iredell county is being organized with a whoop. Some of the best Democrats in the county are in the lead. She is booming everywhere.

* The government not only has to protect the mill men by a tariff, but has to send troops to protect the owners of such mills. That is paternalism with a vengeance.

* "Help that is unwilling to help is a hindrance." This applies to men who have their names on the Alliance roll, but who are still willing to aid in the old-fashioned political robbery.

* We learn that the split in the convention at Clinton, in the Third district, last week, was over the nomination of elector. Some wanted a Cleveland elector; others a Weaver man. The Weaver man will get there.

* Col. Josephus Daniels, late editor and proprietor of the State Chronicle, will begin the publication of a weekly newspaper about August first. It will be called the North Carolinian. The Colonel is a hard worker and will make his paper a success, no doubt.

* "Shoot the strikers down."—Whitelaw Reid. "Labor should not be allowed to organize."—Adlai Stevenson. "A dollar a day is enough for any working man."—Ben. Harrison. "The best financial system in the world

must not be changed."—Grover Cleveland. "I have reason to believe that we are nearing a serious crisis. These terrible economic conditions must be changed."—Gen. J. B. Weaver. "I have noticed the degraded tendency in politics for years. We must change."—Jas. G. Field. Take your choice.

* The Republican party has no principles except that of protection, which is a fraud. The Democratic party has had good principles, but has lost them since the Wall street crowd took charge. Good principles are nothing if the party is managed by corrupt men.

* You should not oppose a man for working and voting for self-preservation, if he does his work honestly. The trouble with the farmers and a good many others is that they have been voting in the interest of somebody else all the time. Now vote for your own pocket.

* When a man is up to his waist in quicksand he would be foolish if he didn't try to get out. Then which is the wisest thing to do, rush into a new party "blindly" or stay in the old one "blindly" and sink deeper? Friends try to get on solid ground. It is your duty.

* The Concord Standard says seven of the Democratic delegates to the recent convention in Raleigh, from Cabarrus county have come out for the People's party. All, or nearly all, of the delegates from Franklin county are now People's party men. Wait for November.

* "The passage of sixty four pension bills by the House means more taxes for the Southern tax-payer," says the Wilmington Messenger. Yes, it means more tax. But where is the Democratic party. Ain't it opposed to pensions? Why don't you censure your 148 Democratic majority?

* The Washington Gazette says a preacher got lost in that county recently and failed to reach an appointment all because there are no guide boards on the county roads. In our opinion the road supervisors ought to be arrested and fined for disturbing religious worship. It is a plain case.

* "They say" there is no chance to elect Weaver; that a vote for him means a vote for Harrison. The trouble is that as many Republican States will be carried for Weaver as there will be Democratic. A vote for Weaver means a vote for reform. A vote for the others means more slavery and Wall street supremacy.

* Mr. M. J. Reitzel, representing the old and reliable North Carolina nurseries of J. Van Lindly, Pomona, N. C., is in Wake now showing the farmers what Bro. Lindly has in his line. We can vouch for all goods sold by Bro. Lindly, and hope our brethren and friends will patronize him if they need anything in his line.

* Hon. J. L. Slay, of Mississippi, prominent in Democratic circles, has joined the People's party, giving the following reasons: "A new party must arise and sweep the rottenness and corruption of the old parties from the face of the earth; that in this way wisdom would suggest salvation for the Republic, whose corner stone is labor."

* Turn outward, O doors of the future,
Swing inward, ye gates of the past.
A giant is awakening from slumber,
The people are rousing at last.

* We are informed that Williams township claims the championship heavy weight Third party family in Chatham county in the persons of Mr. R. J. Boling and wife, their combined weight being 600 pounds. Mr. B. weighs 240 pounds and Mrs. B. 260 pounds, says the Chatham Record. The Record might have added that their weight will be overpowering in the November elections.

* A correspondent writes a Richmond paper that "twenty-five strong Alliancemen withdrew from the Order in Halifax county when the St. Louis conference platform was adopted." It is right to accord all freedom of thought and speech. Perhaps they thought best to withdraw. But that they were "strong Alliancemen" some will question, for "strong Alliancemen" generally abide the will of the majority.

* Bro. S. O. Wilson informs us that Bro. Elias Carr stated to him Saturday in this city that he would support Cleveland and Stevenson. He was opposed to the nomination of Cleveland, but feels bound to support him. We understand that all of the Democratic nominees for State offices expect to support Cleveland. This makes a People's party ticket imperative, for there is no sense in putting in a vote against Wall street with one hand and a vote for it with the other.

* Southern Republican papers are declaring for Cleveland. That is right. He is entitled to the support of all editors who crouch before the money power and attempt to deceive the people. John Sherman says: "I regard the nomination of Cleveland as the natural, logical result of things. The resolutions on the silver question are

substantially similar to those of the Republican party." Yes, and no doubt the old fraud Sherman hopes Cleveland will be elected. That would be the "logical result of things."

OLD PARTY BENEDECTION.

Praise tariff high and tariff low,
From whence all party blessings flow;
The heavens shall echo back your joys—
Kick up more dust and make more noise!

A GOOD ALLIANCEMAN.

There seems to be a good deal of confusion as to who is and who is not a true member of the Alliance. The PROGRESSIVE FARMER has been accused of drawing the lines too closely. This is a mistake. Now let's see if we can't all get straight on this matter.

To be a true member you are not obliged to be a People's party man. Some say so, but this is a mistake. But it is the duty of a true member to stand by the will of the majority or get out. Take, for instance, the work of the Ocala meeting. A majority decided that if the old parties refused to give all reasonable legislation asked for, the St. Louis conference was to be called. A very large majority voted for that. Then it was the duty of the minority to acquiesce or get out. However a member can be true and honest and oppose all of it. We would not lose one iota of respect for a member who would say: "I think all that was unnecessary. I cannot see the wisdom of calling that conference, but a majority thought otherwise and so I will go with them." Any member has a right to think as he pleases. But if a member should say: "I know a majority thought best to take that step, but I didn't and I expect to do all I can to crush the business," then such a man has no place in the Order. He is injuring himself and the Order. He is going contrary to the promises he has made. Still a man should not be read out of the Order because he proposes to continue voting the Democratic or Republican ticket in preference to the People's party, which has adopted the Alliance platform, while the others have not. Here again the majority rule pops up. If a majority think best to vote that way, all should; but unless you know it is because the member holds a position that he is afraid will slip out of his grasp if he votes his sentiments, you have no right to criticize his action, for he may be honest in his opposition. Rather than lose confidence in him, try to reason the matter with him and show him that it is his duty to himself, family and country to vote the reform ticket. That is better than hasty criticism, and nine times out of ten will be successful.

CALM YOUR FEARS.

No one can doubt that the Alliance members are greatly concerned in the politics of the day, not as an organization but as individuals. According to the National Alliance and a very large majority of individual members, the two old parties have proven themselves unworthy of the future support of farmers, mechanics and others of that class. For that reason they have started a new and already powerful party, known as the People's party. Under its banner all people who believe a change essential can array themselves. We have hoped for an unsectional fight on live issues. Our hopes are about to be consummated. The war feeling and all former differences have been relegated to the rear and to day we have a party with equal rights to all for a cardinal principle and a fraternal spirit visible in every move made. True the fight is not between two opposing elements alone, but rather between four great parties, all of which have a following that is not to be laughed at. We feel and believe that the People's party is superior to all others and the one that should command the individual support of all truly earnest and patriotic people. But still we will not allow prejudice to get the upperhand and say that no one can be honest and support either of the other parties, for that would be only creditable to an extremely narrow mind. Suffice it to say that, in our opinion, the Omaha platform is the best one by far and no one should decide against it without giving it proper consideration. We believe it will win, but if it does not this year affairs are not likely to be made worse. However, the outlook for success this year is most flattering, and the half is not yet in sight in the way of voters. Except in a few localities, the agricultural and industrial people are almost unanimous in every State. The great manufacturing cities are full of organized and unorganized workmen, under competent leaders, who are ready to vote that way. They have been waiting for an opportunity. In the cities and towns of the West there are thousands in all classes who will vote that way. Perhaps seven-tenths of all the newspapers in the Northwest, without regard to party affiliations in the past, are now open advocates of the new party. Much of this is brought about by recent mislegislation on the silver question.

There is no one who thinks more of this beautiful Southland of ours than we. The question of negro supremacy is a big one. We have a majority of negro voters in some localities. With a few exceptions they have voted with the Republican party and have been a constant disturbing element in politics. We are willing that they have every right, every protection accorded to anybody, but their ignorance as a race unfits them for places of trust at present. True a few have filled offices with credit to themselves. When we consider that they were slaves up to twenty-seven years ago and forced to the rear since, they have made remarkable progress. We will oppose anything that has a tendency to retard this progress and are willing to do anything reasonable to increase their welfare, but the fact remains that the Anglo Saxons must rule this country, and we believe all honest, intelligent negroes know the importance of this.

Whatever hurts the white farmer or mechanic injures the colored farmer or mechanic. Naturally they should not be arrayed against each other. Both will be benefited alike by a reform in government; both will suffer alike if no remedies succeed. We believe we see a division of the colored voters in the near future. It will be better for all then.

As to the South we think the gloomy clouds are rolling away. North Carolina is the only State that has the negro supremacy matter to contend with. We publish in this issue a card from Dr. J. J. Mott, the recognized leader of the R-publican party in this State. He assures the people of the State that he and hundreds of the best men in the party will oppose a State ticket by that party and leave the field to the Democratic and People's party so the fight will be on the merit of the men and platforms instead of on dead issues. We believe we see a dim light of hope in the distance and trust that what Dr. Mott and others promise will be carried out.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT SYSTEM.

There can be no danger of the awful things the Democratic press hold up to view without a change of the State Constitution, which, we believe, requires a two thirds vote, at least a majority vote. The county government system causes the appointment of magistrates, county commissioners, etc., instead of electing them. Until that is changed there is nothing to fear from "negro supremacy." Did you ever think about that? If not, shake yourself up and think a little and you will see that many of these agonizing stories about "negro supremacy," or the danger of it, are about as thin as the force bill soup that is being sent out. This State was in bad hands just after the war, but has been rescued, and as long as the great agricultural and middle classes have the power there will be nothing to fear.

FREE COINAGE.

The political papers and some individuals try to show that free coinage of silver is a dangerous experiment. They say all the old silver spoons would be coined into money, all the available bullion and even foreign silver would be brought over here and coined; the country would be flooded with silver money.

None of that is true. The entire world had free coinage up to 1873. At no period since the days of Adam has there been too much money. We seriously doubt if there is enough silver and gold available in the world to make \$50 per capita in America alone. \$50 per capita is little enough.

The history of the world shows that lack of money, concentration of money and contraction of money has been the trouble every time. "Too much money" has never been heard of, if rightly distributed.

NOT TO DAY.

Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co., of New York, bankers and commission cotton merchants, have sent us a circular in which they attempt to show that all anti option bills are useless. They further declare that without the present state of affairs—"contracts for future delivery"—the markets would be fluctuating and unsteady, and frequently there would be no market at all.

Now, gentlemen, you are in the wrong pew. Are not the markets unsteady now? How can futures make them steady? Don't every dealer of that kind make a living out of the business and many of them vast fortunes? Then why are they a benefit? They do nothing to keep up prices. Perhaps they run them up spasmodically at times, but the bubble they make comes out of the prices of the products, as sure as the sun shines. The buying of "futures" is as useless to anybody, except the dealers on both sides, as anything can be. When you say your business is beneficial to the farmers, you tell a falsehood.

ROCKEFELLER'S ULTIMATUM.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil millionaire, of Cleveland, Ohio, is a member of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, that city, it being one of the most fashionable. Rev. L. A. Crandall is the pastor. The second daughter of Mr. Rockefeller, Miss Alta, aged 22, fell in love with preacher Crandall. It seems that "love's young dream" run smoothly until papa Rockefeller found out all about it. Then he told the preacher that he must resign as pastor of the church and leave, or else he would withdraw from the church himself. The preacher, it is said, acted the part of a coward and resigned. If all these stories are true, both acted very foolishly. What business has Rockefeller in a church, anyhow?

SOME MISTAKES.

Last week we published a resolution sent out by President Carr and Secretary Beddingfield, as officers of the State Alliance in 1890. We supposed the resolution to have reference to the National as well as State demands; as will be seen below it refers to this "National demand" three times. In order to be fully understood we publish all preceding the resolution:

"WHEREAS, As members of this State jurisdiction, we are pledged to secure cheaper living for the farmers; and whereas, one of the leading methods to secure for ourselves this cheap living has been declared by the National Alliance 'consist in such a revision of the tariff as will lay the heaviest burdens on the luxuries and the lightest on the necessities of life, and as will reduce the income from imports to a strictly revenue basis; and whereas, the demands of our fraternity require that we should be vigilant and active in giving force and effect to this demand of our National Alliance; and whereas, it is the bounden duty of every true Alliance member to stand to and abide by this declaration of the National Alliance: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we do hereby renew our obligations to abide by and give effect to this declaration of principles as announced by the National Alliance."

"2. That as true and steadfast Alliancemen we pledge ourselves to give neither aid, support, or comfort, nor to vote for any person or persons who cannot and will not co-operate with this Alliance in standing by and giving practical effect to the demand of said National Alliance."

Who wrote that we don't know. But why the Alliance demands should be sent out, all on one sheet of paper, with a resolution calling on all to give neither "aid support nor comfort" to anyone who will not co-operate with this Alliance "for tariff reform and nothing else, will always be as much a mystery as 'who struck Billy Patterson.'" It seems that the latest Alliance platform wasn't "in it," for nothing was said about standing by that. We stated that the transportation plank was adopted in 1890 by nine-tenths of the Sub-Alliances. This was incorrect. But all the others were.

MISUNDERSTOOD.

The Laurinburg Exchange thinks THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has changed tactics when it says "a vote against the free wool bill was right."

The impression is incorrect. We favor equal rights to all and special privileges to none. If the free wool bill had included woolen goods we would have been for it. But as it was the manufacturers of woolen fabrics would still be protected while the sheep-raiser would have to sell his wool at ten or fifteen cents less per pound. Hence the wool manufacturers would get his wool cheaper and keep his goods as high as ever to the consumer. Consequently to take the duty off the farmers and keep it on the manufacturer was an equal law, and would have hurt instead of benefit the people we represent. We are for free trade, but oppose laws that only reach a part of the people in order to benefit another portion, a small minority, too.

WISE SAYINGS BY WISE MEN.

There is no more insignificant thing, intrinsically, in the economy of society, than money.—John Stuart Mill.

"When all our paper money is made payable in specie on demand, it will prove the most certain means that can be used to fertilize the rich man's field by the sweat of the poor man's brow."—Daniel Webster.

"Gold and silver are not intrinsically of equal value with iron. No methods have been hitherto formed to establish a medium of trade equal in all its advantages to bills of credit made a legal tender."—Benjamin Franklin.

"Our legislatures have been bought and sold till we think no more of it than the buying and selling of so many cattle and sheep in the market. No nobility is a danger compared with which slavery was a small danger."—Henry Ward Beecher.

"The feudalism of capital is not a whit less formidable than the feudalism of force. The millionaire of to day is as dangerous to society as were the baronial lords of the middle ages. I may as well be dependent on another for my head as for my bread. The time is sure to come when men will look back upon the prerogative of capital with as just and severe condemnation as we now look back on the predatory chieftains of the dark ages."—Horace Mann.

ZEKE BILKINS.



The Major has to Open the Safety Valve
—Mrs. Bilkens to Stump the State
with Senator Ransom.

"Hello, Mr. Editor!"

R—"Hello, Major! Fine weather on crops and politics."

B—"You bet it's splendid, Betsy brought a tomato in from the garden this mornin' that was a whopper. Seems like everything is growin', but the People's party is outgrowin' every thing."

R—"Is Mrs. Bilkens obeying you yet?"

B—"Oh yes; there is no trouble with her. Say, I can't talk much to day, fer my throat is sore. I've bin hollerin' fer Weaver and Field till I can't hardly eat or talk."

R—"You should quit such foolishness. You learned that trick in the Democratic party. They have been all whoop and hurrah and no reform."

B—"That is so. But I have been hearin' so many good things that I had to holler a little. That is my safety valve an' if I don't turn her loose the biler will bust."

R—"Just wait until Senator Ransom comes home and makes the 'brilliant canvass' that the papers say he is going to make. Then you will wish you hadn't done it."

B—"Ah shucks! Matt Ransom is a rattler when it comes to talkin', but the boys will ask him questions that he can't answer without compromising his position. Then we will laugh him out of the notion of continuing the canvass. All Matt is fit for is to get in debt himself and get the nation in debt by appropriating money to drain fringed ponds. Betsy says she is goin' to take the stump against Ransom if he comes around speakin'. Betsy can outtalk the whole United States Senate. She is a stumper of the old school. Tell 'em to send all their speakers around this year. It will beat Barnum's circus to see the boys do 'em up. Good-by."

THE RING AT WORK.

MR. EDITOR:—Allow me space in your valuable paper to state to the people how the People's party were treated in Hillsboro, Orange Co., N. C., July 16th, 1892.

Mr. A. J. Gordon, Chairman of the Executive Committee, called a convention of the people on that day, and a great many met in accordance with his request. From time immemorial it has been the custom of all political parties to assemble in the court house (the people's own property) to discuss the political issues of the day. It seems that Orange county Democrats intend that no political party shall meet in the court house for the above purpose except Democrats, as the doors were locked against the Republican caucus, and the People's convention requested to find some other place to meet. The people collected in the street to discuss their defeated plan. A motion was made to hold the meeting in a lot west of the court house, but it was soon made known that the Masonic Hall could be used, and the crowd was soon seen moving towards the hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. A. J. Gordon; Dr. J. B. York elected permanent chairman; ten delegates were elected to represent the people in the county convention to be held anywhere in Orange county the Democracy will allow.

The people have this to say: Let the Democrats have the court house for their meetings; we can hold ours at the public spring, or some grassy meadow where the chairman can drink from the branch at will; the working man wants plenty of water. There are some good and efficient officers in our county, some of them have been known to hold office for half a century with no political aspirations whatever, but always on the winning side, and believe his office at his death should go to his next oldest in family, and it is generally conceded by the people that it is right and proper, but let me say right here the biggest ignoramus in the county knows the court house belongs to the people, and they are in debt for remodeling the same. No, no, Mr. Officer, you don't own the court house yet; you are a little too fast; with your permission we would like to sit on the new benches we put in there and have our chairman drink from your silver pitcher; it will not pollute his lips or cause him to think he is above the man who drinks from a gourd.

Good bye, officers. Farewell, Democrats. May God bless and protect you and your offices until Nov. 8th, 1892.

PEOPLE'S PARTY MAN.

"Whatever the government agrees to receive in payment of the public dues is money, no matter what its form may be: treasury notes, drafts, etc. Such bills or paper, issued under the authority of the United States, are money."—Henry Clay